

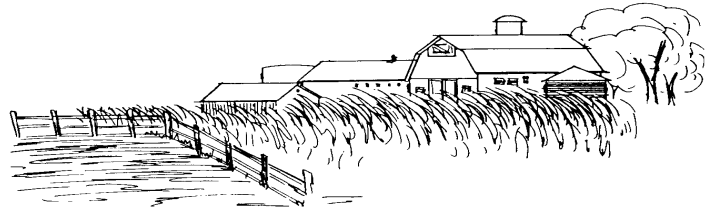


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## **2004 Onion Production**

**UTAH:** Onion growers produced 780,000 hundredweight (cwt) of summer storage onions during 2004, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 5.8 percent below the 2003 level, and 25.7 percent below 2002. In 2004, farmers planted 1,600 acres and harvested 1,500 acres of onions. The 2004 yield of 520 cwt per acre was 60 cwt per acre above the previous year and 20 cwt per acre above 2002. The preliminary 2004 Utah price estimate was \$7.40 per cwt compared with \$10.40 in 2003 and \$8.40 in 2002. The preliminary total crop value for 2004 is \$4.7 million compared with \$7.3 million the previous year and \$6.6 million in 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** Nationally, summer storage onion production was 56.8 million cwt, up 9.9 percent from the previous year. The preliminary national price of summer storage onions was \$9.08 per cwt, a decrease of \$1.62 from the 2003 price. Total value of summer storage onions was \$447.4 million, down 9.4 percent from 2003.